# CHOW RING AND BP-THEORY OF THE EXTRASPECIAL 2-GROUP OF ORDER 32

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ABSTRACT. We write down the mod 2 Chow ring of the classifying space of  $G = 2^{1+4}_+ = D_8 \cdot D_8$ , which has nilpotent elements.

#### 1. Introduction

Let p be a prime number. Let G be a p-group and BG its classifying space. Let us write simply by  $H^*(G; \mathbb{Z}/p) = H^*(BG; \mathbb{Z}/p)$  the mod p cohomology of the group G, and by  $CH^*(G) = CH^*(BG)$  the Chow ring of the classifying space BG over the complex number field  $\mathbb{C}$ .

In this paper, we write down the (most ease) case where  $CH^*(G)/2$  has nonzero nilpotent elements (but  $H^*(G; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  has not). Note that Chow rings  $CH^*(G)/p$  for all G with  $|G| \leq p^4$  are still computed by Totaro in [To2]. Let  $D(2) = 2_+^{1+4} = D_8 \cdot D_8$  be the extraspecial 2-group (of order  $2^5$ ) which is the central product of two dihedral groups  $D_8$ .

Theorem 1.1. There are ring isomorphisms

$$CH^*(D(2))/2 \cong (H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2))^2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2[c_4]\{t''\}$$

$$\cong (\mathbb{Z}/2[y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4]/(q'_0, q'_1) \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\{t''\}) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[c_4]$$
where  $deg(y_i) = 1$ ,  $deg(c_4) = 4$ ,  $deg(t'') = 2$ , and  $q'_0 = y_1y_2 + y_3y_4$ ,
$$q'_1 = Sq^2(q'_0) = y_1^2y_2 + y_1y_2^2 + y_3^2y_4 + y_3y_4^2.$$

The multiplications are given  $(t'')^2 = y_i t'' = 0$  for all  $1 \le i \le 4$ .

Let  $BP^*(G) = BP^*(BG)$  be the Brown-Peterson theory with the coefficient  $BP^* = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[v_1, v_2, ...]$  and  $|v_i| = -2(p^i - 1)$  (for details of the BP-theory, see [Ha] or [Ra]). We also show the mod 2 Totaro conjecture ([To1]);

**Theorem 1.2.** The mod 2 Totaro conjecture holds for D(2), that is

$$CH^*(D(2))/2 \cong BP^*(D(2)) \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

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Let us write by  $\Omega^*(G)$  the BP-version  $\Omega^*(BG) \otimes_{MU^*} BP^*$  of the algebraic cobordism  $\Omega^*(BG) = MGL^{2*,*}(BG)$  ([Vo1,2], [Le-Mo1,2]). Let  $t_{\mathbb{C}}: \Omega^*(X) \to BP^{2*}(X(\mathbb{C}))$  be the realization map. There is a conjecture such that ;

Conjecture 1.3. The realization map  $t_{\mathbb{C}}$  is an isomorphism for each algebraic group G, e.g.  $\Omega^*(BG) \cong BP^*(BG)$ .

It is known the above conjecture is true for connected groups ([To1], [Ya2,3]);  $O_n$ ,  $SO_n$ ,  $PGL_p$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $Spin_7$ . As for finite groups G, the above conjecture is known to be true for abelian groups and the extraspecial p-groups of order  $p^3$ , i.e.  $p_+^{1+2}$ ,  $p_-^{1+2}$  for all primes [Ya4]. While the author can not see this conjecture for D(2), in the last section, we add some notes for groups satisfying the above conjecture.

## 2. The Chow ring of D(2)

The group D(2) is isomorphic to the extraspecial 2-group  $2^{1+2}_+$ , which has the central extension

$$1 \to N \to D(2) \to Q \to 1$$
,  $N \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$ ,  $Q \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$ .

We use notations such that  $N \cong \langle c \rangle, Q \cong \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \rangle$  and

$$D(2) \cong \langle a_1, ..., a_4, c | a_1^2 = ... = a_4^2 = c^2 = 1,$$
  
 $[a_1, a_2] = [a_3, a_4] = c = (a_1 a_2)^2 = (a_3 a_4)^2 \rangle.$ 

The mod 2 cohomology is given by Quillen [Qu1]

$$H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]/(q_0, q_1) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[w_4]$$

where  $q_0 = x_1x_2 + x_3x_4$  and  $q_1 = Sq^1q_0 = x_1^2x_2 + x_1x_2^2 + x_3^2x_4 + x_3x_4^2$ . Here  $x_i$  (and  $w_4$ ) are Stiefel-Whitney classes for some real representations, and hence the powers are Chern classes, that is,

$$y_i = x_i^2 = c_1(e_i), \quad e_i : D(2) \to \langle a_i \rangle \to \mathbb{C}^{\times}$$

where  $e_i$  is the nonzero linear representation, and

$$c_4 = (w_4)^2 = c_4(\eta); \quad \eta = Ind_H^D(e),$$

where  $H = \langle c, a_1, a_3 \rangle$  is the maximal elementary abelian 2-subgroup of D(2) and  $e: H \to \langle c \rangle \to \mathbb{C}^{\times}$  is a nonzero linear representation. We note that  $H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2)$  has no nonzero nilpotent elements ([Qu1]).

It is well known (e.g., [Qu1]) that each irreducible representation of an extraspecial p-group P is a linear representation or just one induced representation of a linear representation of a maximal elementary abelian p-group of P. Hence the Chern subring (the subring of  $H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2)$  multiplicatively generated by Chern classes) is

$$Ch(H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2)) \cong H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2)^2$$

$$\cong \mathbb{Z}/2[y_1,...,y_4]/(q'_0,q'_1)\otimes \mathbb{Z}/2[c_4]$$

where  $q'_0 = y_1y_2 + y_3y_4$  and  $q'_1 = Sq^2q'_0 = y_1^2y_2 + y_1y_2^2 + y_3^2y_4 + y_3y_4^2$ .

Now we start to consider the Chow ring of BD(2). In this paper we write  $CH^*(BD(2))$  by  $CH^*(D(2))$  (we also write  $BP^*(BD(2))$  by  $BP^*(D(2))$ ).

Moreover we note following facts (see [To1] for details). By the Rieman-Roch theorem without denominator,  $CH^2(D(2))/2$  is generated by 2nd Chern classes (of some representations), that means, it is generated by  $y_iy_j$  and  $c_2(\eta)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** We have 
$$q'_0 = y_1y_2 + y_3y_4 = 0 \in CH^2(D(2))/2$$
 and

$$CH^2(D(2))/2 \cong \mathbb{Z}/2\{y_iy_j|1 \le i, j \le 4\}/(q_0') \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\{c_2(\eta)\}$$

where  $A\{a,b,...\}$  means the free A-module generated by a,b,....

*Proof.* By Totaro (Corollary 3.5 in [To1] or Lemma 15.1 in [To2]), the integral cycle map

$$cl_{int}: CH^2(X)_{(2)} \to H^4(X; \mathbb{Z}_{(2)})$$

is injective. The higher 2-torsion of the integral cohomology of extraspecial 2-groups are studied by Harada-Kono ([Ha-Ko], [Sc-Ya1]). Let  $C(2)^* = H^*(D(2))/J_Q$  where  $J_Q$  is the ideal generated by the image of  $H^*(Q)$  in  $H^*(D(2))$  (for  $Q \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2)^4$ ). Then Harada-Kono show that

$$\mathbb{Z}/2^{s(*)} \cong C(2)^* \subset H^*(D(2)),$$

and when \* = 4m, we have  $C(2)^* \cong \mathbb{Z}/8$ . Let  $w_4$  be a generator of  $C(2)^4$ . Then it is known

$$w_4|N = u^2 \quad (w_4|N' = (u')^2 \text{ for } N' = \langle a_1 a_2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/4)$$

identifying  $H^*(N) \cong \mathbb{Z}[u]/(2u)$  and  $H^*(N') \cong \mathbb{Z}[u']/(4u')$ .

On the other hand, all elements in  $J_Q$  are just 2-torsion. Moreover  $q'_0$  is (zero or) just 2-torsion (since so are  $y_i$ ). Therefore we get

$$cl_{int}(q'_0) = 4\lambda w_4$$
 for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}/8$ .

Let  $c(\eta) = \sum c_i(\eta)$  is the total Chern class. Then we see

$$c(\eta)|_{N'} = (1+u')^4 = 1 + 4u' + 6(u')^2 + \dots \mod(8).$$

Hence 
$$c_2(\eta)|_{N'} = -2(u')^2$$
 and so  $q'_0 = -2\lambda c_2(\eta)$ .

We recall a theorem of Totaro.

**Theorem 2.2.** (Theorem 11.1 in [To2]) Let P be a p-group such that P has a faithful complex representation of dimension at most p+2. Then the mod p Chow ring of BP consists of transferred Euler classes.

First note that Euler classes of  $CH^*(D(2))$  are (multiplicatively) generated by  $y_1, ..., y_4$  and  $c_4(\eta)$ . Next we consider the transfer images. Each proper maximum subgroup M of D(2) is isomorphic to  $D_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2$ , and let it be  $\langle a_1, a_2, c, a_3 \rangle$ . The Chow ring  $CH^*(M)/2$  is generated by Chern classes

$$y_1, y_2, y_3,$$
 and  $c_2 = c_2(\eta')$ 

where  $\eta' = Ind_H^M(e)$  and recall that  $e: H = \langle c, a_1, a_3 \rangle \to \mathbb{C}^{\times}$ . Let us write the transfer  $t_2 = Tr_M^{D(2)}(c_2)$ . We note (by the double coset formula)  $t_2|_{N'=\langle a_1a_2\rangle} = 2(u')^2$  identifying  $CH^*(N') \cong \mathbb{Z}[u']/(4u')$  where  $N' \cong \mathbb{Z}/4$ . Therefore  $t_2 = c_2(\eta) \mod(y_iy_j)$  in  $CH^*(D(2))/2$  from Lemma 2.1. Of course  $Tr_M^{D(2)}(y_ic_2) = y_it_2$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .

For an other proper maximal subgroup  $\tilde{M}$ , we similarly have the transfer  $\tilde{t}_2$ . However we have

$$\tilde{t}_2 = c_2(\eta) = t_2 \mod(y_i y_j).$$

From the Totaro theorem (Theorem 2.2), we have;

**Lemma 2.3.** The mod 2 Chow ring  $CH^*(D(2))$  is multilpicatively generated by  $y_1, ..., y_4, c_4 = c_4(\eta)$  and  $t_2$  (or  $c_2(\eta)$ ).

Next we study the nilpotent elements. Let us write by cl the mod 2 cycle map

$$cl: CH^*(D(2))/2 \to H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2).$$

Recall that the Chern subring of  $H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2)$  is generated by  $y_i$  and  $c_4(\eta)$ . Since  $t_2$  is a Chern class, we can take  $y \in \mathbb{Z}[y_1, ..., y_4]$  such that  $cl(t_2) = y \in H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2)$ .

Let  $t'' = t_2 - y$  in  $CH^*(D(2))$  so that cl(t'') = 0 and t'' is a (nonzero) nilpotent element in  $CH^*(D(2))$  because  $Ker(t_{\mathbb{C}})$  is nilpotent, since  $t_{\mathbb{C}}$  is F-isomorphic from the Quillen theorem for Chow rings [Ya2]. (Note t'' is nonzero in  $CH^*(D(2))/2$  because  $t''|_{N'} = 2(u')^2$  and  $CH^2(D(2))|_{N'}$  is generated by  $2(u')^2$ .)

**Lemma 2.4.**  $y_4t'' = 0$  in  $CH^*(D(2))/2$ .

Proof. Note that

$$y_4t'' = y_4(t_2 - y) = tr_M^{D(2)}(y_4|_M \cdot c_2) - y_4y = -y_4y,$$

where we used  $y_4|_M = 0$ . Note  $y_4t''$  is nilpotent but  $H^*(D(2); \mathbb{Z}/2)$  has no nonzero nilpotent element. Hence  $y_4y \in (q'_0, q'_1)$  and also zero in  $CH^*(D(2))/2$ . Thus  $y_4t'' = 0$  in  $CH^*(D(2))/2$ . (Since  $CH^*(X)$  has the reduced power operation  $Sq^2$ , we have  $q'_1 = Sq^2(q'_0) = 0$  also in  $CH^*(D(2))/2$  [Vo3].)

**Lemma 2.5.** For all  $1 \le i \le 4$ , we have  $y_i t'' = 0$ .

*Proof.* In  $CH^2(D(2))/2$ , nilpotent elements generate just one dimensional  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -space  $\mathbb{Z}/2\{t''\}$ . Hence t'' is invariant under an action of the outer automorphism Out(D(2)). This outer automorphism contains

$$f: a_3 \leftrightarrow a_4, c \mapsto c, \qquad g: a_1 \mapsto a_3, \ a_2 \mapsto a_4, \ c \mapsto c.$$

We have 
$$0 = f^*(y_4t'') = y_3t''$$
 and  $0 = g^*(y_4t'') = y_2t''$ .

**Lemma 2.6.**  $(t'')^2 = 0$  in  $CH^*(D(2))/2$ .

*Proof.* We compute

$$(t'')^2 = t''(tr_M^{D(2)}(c_2) - y) = t''tr_M^{D(2)}(c_2) = tr_M^{D(2)}(t''|_M \cdot c_2) = 0,$$

since  $t''|_M$  is nilpotent but  $CH^*(M)/2$  has no non zero nilpotent element.

From the above lemmas, we get Theorem 1.1 in the introduction.

**Remark.** From Theorem in [To2], we see the topological nilpotency is  $d_0(CH^*(D(2))/2) \leq 3$ . This means  $y_iy_jt'' = 0$ . So we see a bit stronger result  $d_0(CH^*(D(2))/2) = 2$  in the above lemma.

#### 3. BP-THEORY

By Schuster-Yagita [Sc-Ya2], it is known that the Morava K-theory  $K(n)^*(BD(2))$  is generated by even dimensional elements (see also Schuster [Sc] or Bakladze-Jibradze [Ba-Ji]) for all  $n \geq 0$ . This implies that  $BP^*(D(2))$  is generated by even dimensional elements, and satisfies the condition of the Landweber exact functor theorem.

Moreover D(2) is  $K(n)^*$ -good, namely,  $K(n)^*(D(2))$  is generated by transferred Euler classes for all n. It is known ([Ra-Wi-Ya]) that it implies that D(2) is  $BP^*$ -good, i.e.,  $BP^*(D(2))$  is generated also by transferred Euler classes.

Recall the exact sequence

(\*) 
$$0 \to M \cong D_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2 \to D(2) \to \mathbb{Z}/2 \to 0$$

Here we use notations  $M = \langle a_1, a_2, c, a_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbb{Z}/2 \cong \langle a_4 \rangle$  in the following proof.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* The cycle map is decomposed as

$$cl: CH^*(X)/2 \stackrel{cl_{BP}}{\to} BP^*(X) \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}/2 \stackrel{\rho}{\to} H^*(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$$

where  $cl_{BP}$  is the Totaro cyle map and  $\rho$  is the Thom map.

By the  $BP^*$ -goodness of D(2), we see that  $cl_{BP}$  is surjective. Moreover it is known ([Ya2]) that  $cl_{BP}$  is an F-isomorphism. Hence  $Ker(cl_{BP})$ is nilpotent. Thus it is only need to show

$$\mathbb{Z}/2[c_4]\{t''\} \subset BP^*(D(2)) \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}/2.$$

(Note that t'' exists in  $BP^*(D(2))$ , but we need to see  $t'' \neq 0$  and t'' generates a  $\mathbb{Z}/2[c_4]$ -free module.)

Note  $t''|_{N'}=2(u')^2$  and so  $t''|_M$  is not a  $BP^*$ -module generator of  $BP^*(M)$  but  $c_2(\eta') \not\in BP^*(M)^{\langle a_4 \rangle}$ . Hence  $t''|_M$  is a  $BP^*$ -module generator of  $BP^*(M)^{\langle a_4 \rangle}$ . Then we have

$$BP^*(D(2)) \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}/2 \stackrel{res}{\to} BP^*(M)^{\langle a_4 \rangle} \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}/2 \supset \mathbb{Z}/2[c_4]\{t_2''|_M\}.$$

The last inclusion follows from the restriction to  $N' = \langle a_1 a_2 \rangle \cong \mathbb{Z}/4$ ,

$$BP^*[c_4](t'')|_{N'} = BP^*[(u')^4]\{2u'\} \subset BP^*(N') \cong BP^*[u']([4](u')).$$

Thus we have the theorem.

In this paper, we do not explicitly use the following lemma and corollary, but we note them.

### Lemma 3.1. The restriction map

$$res: BP^*(G) \to Lim_{G \supset A:abelian}BP^*(A)$$

is an F-isomorphism (i.e., its kernel and cokernel are nilpotent).

*Proof.* We can define the Evens norm for  $BP^*$ -theory. Hence res is F-surjective from the arguments in the proof of Lemma 2.4 in [Qu2]. The F-injective follows from the arguments (3.10) in page 371 in [Qu2].

Note that A ranges all abelian subgroups of G for the F-injectivity. In fact, the kernel of  $BP^*(\mathbb{Z}/4) \cong BP^*[u']/([4](u')) \to BP^*(\mathbb{Z}/2)$  is the ideal [2](u') which is not nilpotent.

Corollary 3.2. 
$$BP^*(D(2)) \subset Lim_{D(2) \supset A:abel.}BP^*(A)$$
.

# 4. Algebraic cobordism $\Omega^*(P)$

Let p be a fixed prime number. For a smooth variety X over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ , let us write by

$$\Omega^*(X) = MGL^{2*,*}(X) \otimes_{MU^*} BP^* \cong ABP^{2*,*}(X)$$

the  $(BP^*$ -version of) algebraic cobordism defined by Voevodsky ([Vo1,2]) and Levine-Morel ([Le-Mo1,2]). There is a conjecture (Conjecture 1.3) such that the realization map induces the isomorphism  $t_{\mathbb{C}}: \Omega^*(BG) \cong BP^*(BG)$  for the classifying space BG of each algebraic group G.

It is known that this conjecture is true for connected groups [Ya2,3]  $O_n$ ,  $SO_n$ ,  $PGL_p$ ,  $G_2$ ,  $Spin_7$ . As for finite groups G, it is known that the conjecture is true for abelian groups and the extraspecial p-groups  $p_+^{1+2}$ ,  $p_-^{1+2}$  for all primes [Ya4]. In this section, we show the conjecture for other p-groups.

We consider a p-group G and its subgroup M of index  $p^s$ , namely, there is the extension

$$(*)$$
  $1 \to M \to G \to \mathbb{Z}/p^s \to 0$ 

and consider the induced spectral sequence

$$E_2^{*,*'} \cong H^*(\mathbb{Z}/p^s; BP^*(M)) \Longrightarrow BP^*(G).$$

Let the right hand side group  $\mathbb{Z}/p^s$  in (\*) be generated by a. Let  $N=1+a^*+\ldots+(a^{p^s-1})^*$  and recall that

$$E_2^{*,*'} \cong \begin{cases} Ker(1-a^*) \cong BP^*(M)^{\langle a \rangle} & * = 0 \\ Ker(1-a^*)/Im(N) & * = even > 0 \\ KerN/Im(1-a^*) & * = odd. \end{cases}$$

We consider the cases that  $E_2^{odd,*'} \cong 0$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** Let G be a p-group with the extension (\*) such that  $E_2^{odd,*'}=0$ . Moreover we assume ;

(1) The mod(p) Totaro conjecture holds for G, i.e.

$$CH^*(G)/p \cong BP^*(G) \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}/p$$
,

(2) The conjecture 1.3 holds for M, i.e.  $t_{\mathbb{C}}: \Omega^*(M) \cong BP^*(M)$ . Then Conjecture 1.3 holds for G, namely,  $t_{\mathbb{C}}: \Omega^*(G) \cong BP^*(G)$ .

*Proof.* Let y be the first Chern class of a nonzero linear representation for  $G : G \to \langle a \rangle \to \mathbb{C}^*$ . Then from  $E_2^{odd,*'} \cong 0$ , we see

$$E_{\infty}^{*,*'} \cong E_{\infty}^{even,*'} \cong E_{2}^{even,*'}.$$

Hence we get

$$grBP^*(G) \cong BP^*(M)^{\langle a \rangle} \oplus (BP^*(M)^{\langle a \rangle}/N)[y]^+.$$

On the other hand, from (1), the algebraic cobordism  $\Omega^*(G)$  is also generated by  $BP^*(M)^{\langle a \rangle} (\cong \Omega^*(M)^{\langle a \rangle})$  and  $y \in \Omega^2(G)$ . We consider the filtration defined by the  $ideal(y) \subset \Omega^*(M)$ .

For  $x \in \Omega(M)^{\langle a \rangle}$ , take  $\tilde{x} \in \Omega^*(G)$  with  $\tilde{x}|_M = x$  (which is only decided with modulo Ideal(y)). (Note we can take  $\tilde{N}x = Tr_M^G(x)$ .) Then  $\Omega^*(G)$  is additively generated by  $\tilde{x}$  and  $\tilde{x}y^i$ . Hence we have

$$gr\Omega^*(G) \cong BP^*(M)^{\langle a \rangle} \oplus \oplus_{i \ge 1} (BP^*(M)^{\langle a \rangle}/N_i) \{y^i\}$$

where  $N_1 \subset N_2 \subset ...$  Note  $N_i \subset Im(N)$ , since we have the cycle map  $gr\Omega^*(G) \to grBP^*(G)$ . Hence we only need to prove  $N_1 = Im(N)$ . For  $x \in \Omega^*(M)$ , we see

$$y\tilde{N}(x) = yTr_M^G(x) = Tr_M^G((y|_M) \cdot x) = 0$$
 in  $\Omega^*(G)$ .

Thus  $Im(N) \subset N_1$  and we see  $N_i = Im(N)$  for all i.

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For G = D(2), we consider the exact sequence (\*) in §3, and the induced spectral sequence converging to  $BP^*(D(2))$ .

Corollary 4.2. If  $E_2^{odd,*'} = 0$  for the above spectral sequence, then Cojecture 1.3 holds for D(2).

Next we consider groups P with  $rank_p = 2$  and  $p \ge 3$ . At first, we consider a split metacyclic group. It is written

$$P = M(\ell, m, n) = \langle a, b | a^{p^m} = b^{p^n} = 1, [a, b] = a^{p^{\ell}} \rangle$$

for  $m > \ell \ge max(m-n,1)$ . Consider the extension

$$1 \to \langle a \rangle \to P \to \langle b \rangle \to 1.$$

Then this extension satisfies the assumption in Lemma 4.1 except for (1) ([Te-Ya2]) and  $BP^*(P) \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \cong H^{even}(P; \mathbb{Z}_{(p)})$ . Moreover when  $m - \ell = 1$ , Totaro showed the above cohomology is isomorphic to the Chow ring  $CH^*(P)$  [To2]. Therefore we have

Corollary 4.3. Conjecture 1.3 holds for  $M(m, \ell, n)$  with  $m - \ell = 1$ .

We consider the other  $rank_pP = 2$  groups. For  $p \geq 5$ , groups P with  $rank_pP = 2$  are classified by Blackburn (see [Ya1]). They are metacyclic groups, and some groups C(r), G(r', e). The group C(r),  $r \geq 3$  is defined by

$$C(r) = \langle a, b, a | a^p = b^p = c^{p^{r-2}} = 1, [a, b] = c^{p^{r-3}} \rangle$$

for  $r \geq 3$  so that  $C(3) = p_+^{1+2}$ . The group  $G = G(r,e), r \geq 4$  (and  $e \neq 0$  is a quadratic nonresidue mod p) is defined as

$$\langle a, b, c | a^p = b^p = c^{p^{r-2}} = [b, c] = 1, [a, b^{-1}] = c^{ep^{r-3}}, [a, c] = b \rangle.$$

The subgroup  $\langle a, b, c^p \rangle$  is isomorphic to C(r-1).

Corollary 4.4. Conjecture 1.3 holds for C(r), D(r+1, e).

*Proof.* It is known  $CH^*(P)/p \cong H^{even}(P; \mathbb{Z})/p \cong BP^*(P) \otimes_{BP^*} \mathbb{Z}/p$ . Here the first isomorphism is proved in [To2] and the second is shown in [Ya1]. The extension

$$1 \to \langle c, a \rangle \to (r) \to \langle b \rangle \to 1$$

satisfies [Ya1] the assumption Lemma 4.1 for C(r) The extension

$$1 \to \langle a, b, c^p \rangle \to G(r+1, e) \to \langle c \rangle \to 1$$

satisfies [Ya1] the assumption of Lemma 4.1 for G(r+1,e).

We write down the result for p-Sylow subgroups  $\mathbb{Z}/p \wr ... \wr \mathbb{Z}/p$  of symmetric groups. Here  $\mathbb{Z}/p \wr X = \mathbb{Z}/p \rtimes (X)^{\times p}$  is the p-th wreath product.

# Corollary 4.5. Conjecture 1.3 holds for $\mathbb{Z}/p \wr ... \wr \mathbb{Z}/p$ .

*Proof.* Totaro's conjecture is still proved in [To1]. We consider the extension

$$1 \to (G')^p \to \mathbb{Z}/p \wr G' \to \mathbb{Z}/p \to 1$$

and induced spectral sequence converging to  $BP^*(\mathbb{Z}/p\wr G')$ . It is proved in Lemma 5.3 in [Te-Ya2] that if there exist  $BP^*$ -module generators  $\{x_i\}$  of  $BP^*(G')$  such that  $\{\rho(x_i)\}$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}/p$ -basis of  $H^*(G')/p$ , then  $E_2^{odd,*'}=0$ . By induction on the number of the wreath product, we can show the corollary.

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